



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Michael J. Payne, et al. ) Examiner: Not Yet Assigned  
Application No.: 09/965,052 ) Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned  
Filing Date: September 25, 2001 )  
For: SPEAKER INDEPENDENT VOICE )  
RECOGNITION (SIRV) USING )  
DYNAMIC ASSIGNMENT OF )  
SPEECH CONTEXTS, DYNAMIC )  
BIASING, AND SPEECH-ENABLED )  
APPLICATIONS )

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**DECLARATION OF MONIQUE M. PEARSON**

I, Monique M. Pearson, having personal knowledge of the facts set forth herein, hereby declare and say as follows:

1. I am employed by BLAKELY, SOKOLOFF, TAYLOR & ZAFMAN, as a Legal Secretary. My supervisor is Mark S. Peloquin.

2. On August 30, 2001, at the request of Mark S. Peloquin, I sent a first draft copy of the above referenced patent application to inventors Michael Payne, Karl Allen, Rohan Coehlo, and Maher Hawash informing them that a Declaration and Assignment would be sent to them, for their signatures, with the final draft of the patent application prior to filing the application with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (Exhibit 1).

3. We received an email from Maher Hawash, requesting compensation as a prerequisite to participate in further preparation and filing of the above referenced patent application (Exhibit 2).

4. At Mr. Peloquin's request, I sent a letter on September 13, 2001 to Maher Hawash; home address of 2642 NE Aurora Drive, Hillsboro, OR 97124 and Rohan Coelho; home address of 14949 NW West Union, Portland, OR 97229, enclosing a copy of the final draft application together with a Declaration pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.63 for their signature via Federal Express Priority Overnight (Exhibit 3). Also included with these correspondence were self-addressed, prepaid Federal Express envelopes to facilitate the return of the executed documents to Mr. Peloquin.

5. When there was no response to said correspondence from Mr. Coelho, at Mr. Peloquin's request, I telephone Mr. Coelho's home on September 21, 2001 and left a message requesting a status of his review of the documents and a time of when we should expect receipt of the signed Declaration and Assignment. Again, there was no response from Mr. Coelho.

6. On September 25, 2001, the above noted patent application was filed with the signatures of Michael Payne and Karl Allen, at Mr. Peloquin's request.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements, and the like so made, are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001, of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Dated: 1/22/02

  
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Monique M. Pearson